

García-Pavón and Plinio

In the 1950s and 60s Francisco Garcia Pavon wrote a number of mysteries that featured Chief of Municipal Guard Manuel Gonzalez "Plinio". The "Plinio" books were very popular and won a number of prizes and even some acclaim abroad (see Los Liberales — in English- Barcelona, Ediciones Destino,1971).

Plinio is a very non-heroic detective working in a small city who's premonitions and hunches are more important than scientific and logical deduction. Pavon has been referred to as the Spanish Proust of the common people.

Francisco García Pavón was a famous writer from Tomelloso. He wrote many detective stories set in this town. We visited many of the places he talks about in his books, and the places where Plinio, his main character used to stay.

This is the casino, where almost all the Plinio's stories begin.